

WABASH SYSTEM MAKING CUT IN MECHANICAL FORCE

Officials of the Wabash all over the system have received notice that owing to business conditions of the road, the mechanical force must be reduced in order to make a wage reduction for next month which will amount in the aggregate to \$100,000.

In compliance with this instruction conferences have been held at all division points and decisions have been made as to the number of men who can be spared at this time without serious crippling of the working force.

On both western divisions 75 men will be affected. Of this number fifty men will be from the Moberly shops, while the other twenty-five men will be taken off at outside points. The reduction measure will take effect September 1.

NEW BULLETIN SHOWS STATE'S SCHOOL PROGRESS

The state department of education has just issued a centennial bulletin, which it has sent to all school superintendents and persons interested in the progress of education in this state. The bulletin outlines the school laws which were passed by the Missouri Legislature during its last term, which are as follows: provision was made for making Lincoln Institute a university; for instruction relating to the hygiene of the teeth; for high school training for colored children; a negro inspector for the colored schools; state aid for the teacher; training high schools increased 400 per cent; minimum wages and state aid for rural schools increased 50 per cent; the requirement that all teachers have a four year high school course; the establishing of free country libraries.

Statistics given in the bulletin show that Missouri has 296 first class high schools; 94 second class high schools; 106 third class high schools. There are in this state 9,486 school districts, employing 21,126 teachers. During the last ten years the number of schools has increased rapidly, while the enrollment has also increased proportionately.

A synopsis of the work of the new department of education, that of vocational education, shows that the state has done much in co-operating with the federal government in this respect. This work includes instruction in vocational agricultural, vocational home economics, vocational trades and industries, physical training and the rehabilitation of injured persons.

CHOOSING DELEGATES. THE people of Audrain county will be called upon soon to choose delegates to the Constitutional convention.

The Senatorial district of which we are a part will have two delegates—one representing the Democratic party and another the Republican. There will also be delegates at large chosen from over the entire state.

It is important that the men who sit in this important gathering representing the people of the state be of the very highest type. That they be men who are representative Missourians, possess vision and have at heart an unselfish interest in the future of this great commonwealth.

We feel that Missouri has many men who are qualified for these important places. But they are not listed among the professional politicians of the State. They are men in whom the good of the people and the state is not dominated by selfish or party interests.

Even with the making of a new constitution the work is but started. Its adoption will then be placed before the people of Missouri and they will vote their approval or rejection.

There are many important matters to be considered in its formation. There are many things to be guarded against in its framing. We suggest that the voters consider the men they delegate to the convention with care and deep interest as well as the finished document presented for their action. This is one of the most important matters this state has had to consider for a generation and we should accept it as such.

VANDALIA NEGRO IS CHARGED WITH FELONIOUS ASSAULT

A transcript has been filed in the Circuit Court here by Justice of the Peace J. H. Thole, of Vandalia, charging John Grinnett, a negro, with felonious assault upon Fred Gibson, negro. The charge is that Grinnett drew a revolver upon Gibson, on June 13, with intent to kill. The case will come up in the September term of court.

Two More Studebakers.
Jack Marlow and Fred A. Morris are boasting new Studebaker Sixes. Mr. Marlow's car is his sixth Studebaker and Mr. Morris' is his fifth.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crews have gone to Springfield, Ill., to attend the State Fair.

Legion May Bring Champion Wrestler Here

The Athletic Committee of the James Bledsoe Post of the American Legion has received a letter from the manager of Helmer Myre, who claims to be the light heavyweight champion-wrestler of the country, saying that he would be willing to arrange for a match here in the near future.

Myre, in a match with Ed (Strangler) Lewis, former heavyweight champion of the world, "stayed" one hour before Lewis was able to get his shoulders on the mat. He has met many other champion wrestlers with very few defeats.

It is possible that Myre will appear in a match that the Legion hopes to stage here on Labor Day.

Mine Begins Operation
MARTINSBURG, Mo., August 24.—The Martinsburg Coal and Mining Company has installed machines for mining coal and the first rail shipments from the mines are now being made, wagon and truck trade heretofore taking the output.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rhodes and son Clifton returned to their home in Webster Groves Tuesday after a three weeks' visit with relatives in Mexico.

Miss Marie Forman, who is vacationing in Boulder, Colo., writes that she is having a very pleasant time there.

Moline Farmer Has 14 Children.
John W. Lee, col., who farms 135 acres, 5 1/2 miles east of Moline is the father of 14 children and 6 grand-children. This seems to be the record in the Moline vicinity, if not in Audrain county.

Frank Hagyard Made Manager.
Frank Hagyard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hagyard of this city, who has been employed in the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Co., has been appointed manager of the Fulton office and went to Fulton Saturday to assume his new duties.

Mrs. George Lee returned home Tuesday from St. Louis. There will be an ice cream social at the Crane School House, fifteen miles southeast of here, Friday night. Ed C. Offutt, county superintendent of schools, will give an address.

Auditory Nerves.
The action of the ear is this. A sound is transmitted from some position, causing a disturbance in the air. This disturbance is collected by the outer ear, passed down the connecting passage, and strikes the skin of the drum, causing it to vibrate. The drum in turn communicates its vibrations to the oval window. Thence they travel to the liquid of the inner ear and the hearing nerve gathers them up and transmits them to the brain.

Sacred Bull of the Egyptians.
Apis, a sacred bull worshiped by the ancient Egyptians, was kept in the temple of Osiris at Memphis. The bull selected possessed certain distinguishing features, such as a black hide and certain marks on the forehead and back, and other marks. The birthday of the bull Apis was celebrated every year. When he died he was embalmed and buried in a special part of the temple and his death was followed by a period of public mourning.

Monks Used Charcoal.
Use of charcoal in Italy has always been very heavy because of its almost universal use for cooking and heating. At Vallombrosa a large quantity of charcoal has been made, even in the time of the monks during the Middle Ages. Prior to the war this forest alone produced annually about 220,000 pounds of charcoal.—American Forestry Magazine.

Divide Ownership of Great Lakes.
The largest of the Great Lakes is Lake Superior, area 31,800 square miles. The smallest is Lake St. Clair, area 435 square miles. The second largest is Lake Huron, area 23,200 square miles. Lake Michigan is third, 22,400 square miles; Erie fourth, 10,000 square miles; and Ontario, fifth, 7,200 square miles. Lake Michigan is wholly within the United States. Half of the area of the other Great Lakes is within Canada.

Valuable "Burro."
Undoubtedly the ass was domesticated long before the horse. The latter probably was native to a humid country, but the ass has a small hard hoof adapted to the dry desert. It can get a subsistence from nothing more sustaining than cactus brush. It can eat anything that a man can eat. The domesticated asses of our own West, which are called "burros," will browse on bacon-rinds and other remnants of camp provender.

Why We Say "She."
The discussion being on why we refer to an automobile as "she," one man said it was because when a car is stuck up and attractive we all admire her; when she acts properly she is charming; yet we often drive her into improper action by lack of care, and when she gets old and has lost her style we try to discard her and get a more pleasing one.—Boston Transcript.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

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THE "DOUGHBOY OF IDAHO"

Striking Statue Recently Selected by State's War Memorial Commission, is Lifelike Study.

It's a far cry indeed from the stiff-necked, primly dressed recruit which flooded America after the armistice as the sculptured representation of the American fighter to the shirt-sleeved, delightfully informal "Doughboy of Idaho," recently selected by the state's war memorial commission to symbolize Idaho's contribution to the World war. The statue, work of Arvid Fairbanks, Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City, Utah, artist, is the most lifelike study of the A. E. F. infantryman as the Boche saw him that Amer-



Statue Adopted by Idaho.

ican artists have produced, according to both the ex-infantryman and those who have sought to immortalize him in bronze and stone.

The Idaho commission has ordered that all counties of the state have memorials alike in character with the addition that Mr. Fairbanks' "Doughboy" be the main feature of each county's memorial. The American Legion of Idaho has been warm in its commendation of the statue and Mr. Fairbanks has returned the compliment by informing the service men that: "I am convinced that the American Legion can be a tremendous power in education and in honor and in the glory of our great government. I am indeed enthused with the loyal stand on Americanism which the Legion is holding out for."

LEGION MAN UNION OFFICER

California Organization Adjutant Well Known for Activities With Fellow Laborers.

Fred E. Bebergall of San Francisco, who is now serving his second term as adjutant of the American Legion in California, is one of the most active Legion officers in his state. Bebergall also is well-known for his activities in labor union circles.

Bebergall's life history is the same in some details as that of many successful men. His father died when he was nine years old and he went to work. He obtained his education at night schools and as he expresses it—the "good old college of hard knocks."

As a union official Bebergall has served in nearly every office of the San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21, and as assistant secretary of the California State Federation of Labor.

He was twice rejected for military service on account of impaired vision, but finally obtained a waiver from the secretary of war and was enrolled in the medical department of the United States army. He served as a member of Base Hospital Company No. 87 in France and was discharged June 30, 1919, at San Francisco as a sergeant, first class. He immediately became interested in the American Legion and was one of the organizers of the California department.

Miss Blanche and Frances Tinsley have returned from a two week's visit with relatives in Wellsville.

Miss Bess Barre, of Linton, Indiana, has returned to her home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Middleton.

Mrs. Arthur Dicus and children have moved from their former home eight miles southwest of here, to their new home at 500 Liberty street.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

OF MARY GRAHAM BONNER

THE MRS. PIGS.

"Of all the Mrs. Pigs," said Mrs. Pink Pig, "I'm the prettiest and the nicest."

"Nonsense," said Pinky's mother, "I am."

"I am," said Mrs. Black Pig, who had come along for a talk. "Grunt, grunt, I am," said Mrs. Pink Pig. "I know Mr. Pink Pig thinks so. He looked over all the pigs in the barnyard and then he looked at me and he said:

"I admire all pigs and I think they're all very fine, but you I admire the most of all."

"Ah," said Pinky's mother, "but I heard why he thought you were the best of all, or rather, why he admired you the most of all."

"He thought you were the biggest pig in the pen."

"That's a great compliment," said Mrs. Pink Pig. "I know of some creatures who'd rather have other compliments, but that one suits me perfectly."

"Just as well it does," said Pinky's mother, "for it's about the only one you'll ever have."

"I said I was the prettiest and the nicest of all the Mrs. Pigs," said Mrs. Pink Pig.

"So did I say so of myself," said Pinky's mother.

"And that was what I said of myself," said Mrs. Black Pig.

"But I am right, squeal, squeal," said Mrs. Pink Pig.

"None of you are pretty and none of you are so wonderfully nice," said Miss Ham.

"You're not members of a beautiful family in the first place and in the second place you aren't even particular of how you look and creatures must be neat to be pretty."

"Oh, well," said Mrs. Pink Pig, "there was a reason for us looking as we did. We looked so badly enough because we were waiting for our dinner and when we were waiting for dinner one cannot think about anything else but food."

"To be sure one can talk of other matters a little bit, but one mustn't"

talk of anything important, for it takes one's mind off the thought of food."

"And that would never do," said Pinky's mother.

"It would never do," said Mrs. Black Pig.

"We might just as well grunt and squeal about anything as long as it is so nearly meal time," said Mrs. Pink Pig. "It's not worth our while to start a talk about anything important."

"It most certainly is not worth our while to do that," said Pinky's mother.

"Most assuredly not," said Mrs. Black Pig.

"What do you consider important, besides food, in the way of talk?" asked Miss Ham.

"Book scratching," said Mrs. Pink Pig.

"Book scratching is right," agreed Pinky's mother.

"Grunt, grunt, book scratching is right," said Mrs. Black Pig.

"Well," said Miss Ham, "you are certainly foolish when you speak of prettiness and such talk."

"But of course you're pigs, and no one expects much more of you."

"We don't fuss about payment and we don't strike for higher wages and we don't upset things at all," said Mrs. Pink Pig. "I think we're pretty superior."

"So do I, grunt, grunt," said Mrs. Black Pig.

"I agree, squeal, squeal," said Pinky's mother.

"Wouldn't you strike for more food if you thought you could get it?" asked Miss Ham.

"Well, perhaps we would," said Pinky's mother.

"We might, that is true," said Mrs. Black Pig.

"Yes, it is true, we most certainly might," said Mrs. Pink Pig.

"Then you'd better not talk about being so superior," said Miss Ham.

"Let us not talk about anything," said Mrs. Pink Pig, "for here comes our dinner."

"We will talk of nothing for awhile now," said Mrs. Black Pig.

"We will simply eat and be happy," said Pinky's mother.

"And I will join you, squeal, squeal," said Miss Ham. "I'm a sociable pig and I'll join you."

"Sociable," the others squealed, "you're greedy and that is why you are joining us in eating the meal the farmer is bringing to us."

Trains Will be Met at Rush Hill. Arrangements have been made to meet at Rush Hill all trains carrying delegates to the Audrain County Sunday School Convention, which is to be held at Littleby Methodist Church. The convention will meet September 2 and 3.

Mrs. J. H. Davis, of Vandalia, is in Mexico on business. She will stay for several days.

PANAMA WARNED THERE MUST BE NO HOSTILITIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The American state department, in a note forwarded just to Panama, stated emphatically that the United States would not permit any hostilities growing out of the occupation of the Coto region by Costa Rica.

The American note, it developed, was in response to a communication from the Panama government indicating that if Costa Rica should attempt to re-occupy the disputed territory, force would be used in resisting unless the United States made it clear that the American government would prevent.

PANAMA, Aug. 24.—Panama is prepared and ready to repel the Costa Ricans should they invade the disputed Coto territory. No definite action will be taken, however, until it is learned what attitude the United States Government will adopt toward Panama in the event the Panamanians oppose taking over of Coto by the Costa Ricans.

Big Circus Will Show in Mexico September 15

The Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus will be in Mexico September 15 for one day's performance, giving two shows, afternoon and night. This circus was here several years ago, but since that time it has increased in size by about ten cents, until now it is said to be the largest circus in the United States.

The most interesting features of this show are the trained animal acts. There will be a parade in the morning, which will be over a mile long. W. H. Reaney, advance agent for the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus was in Mexico Thursday to make arrangements for holding the performance.

The equipment carried by this circus is of the most modern type. It is practically the only circus in the country that has all its canvas laid out on gasoline machines, or spool wagons, a labor-saving device which eliminates the work of about one hundred men. The reserved seats are on trucks, which makes it possible to put them up in about half the time that is ordinarily necessary. The tent is absolutely waterproof, so that even if it rains, there is no necessity for postponing the performance.

Legion Will Give First Dance Mon.

The first of the series of weekly dances that the American Legion here is to give will be held Monday, August 29 in Security Hall.

The dances are a part of a program that the post has just outlined for the coming season, that includes wrestling matches and post activities of all sorts.

The Mexico Jazz Orchestra will furnish music for the dances, the second of which will be held on Labor Day.

PUBLIC SALE OF REGISTERED CATTLE

There will be an administrator's sale at the late H. M. Royalty's farm 5 miles east of Vandalia and 5 miles southwest of Curryville, Mo.,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1921
Of horses, mules, jennets, and Jersey cows. At the same time and place M. J. Jones will sell 15 head of registered cattle and not a by-bid shall be made. The cattle will consist of:

SHORTHORNS—6 cows and heifers, all with calf; 2 yearling heifers, reds and roans, 2 roan yearling bulls. HEREFORDS—1 yearling bull, 4 early bull calves.

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Col. Dec. Biggs and C. B. Carroll, Auctioneers. w1 p Advertisement

Captain Van Horne to Funeral. Captain Van Horne, of Missouri Military Academy, left Wednesday to attend the funeral of his uncle, Jeff Van Horne, who died in St. Louis.

10c GOODS
JOHNSON'S VARIETY STORE has put in a new line of 10c goods on 10c counters, look them over.

w1 d1y Thurs Advertisement

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Elliott have taken the Graham home on Woodlawn.

10c HOSE
We can supply the children with hose at 10 Cents a pair.

JOHNSON'S VARIETY STORE. w1 d1y Thurs Advertisement

Good Speakers at Convention.
Delegates to the Audrain County Sunday School Convention, to be held at Littleby Methodist Church September 2 and 3, will have the opportunity of hearing speakers from outside the county talk on Sunday school methods in other counties. The committee in charge of the convention is anxious to have a large representation from each Sunday school in the county.

Bethel Methodist Church.
The last service of the conference year will be held Sunday, August 28, 11 a. m. The Presiding Elder of the Mexico District, Rev. W. P. Wynn, will preach and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

POLLOCK'S DAISY
The Flour of the Family.
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d1 w1 Advertisement

Ben Lampson Is Married To St. Louis Girl

Ben Lampson, of Mexico, was married Sunday night in Clayton, Mo., to Miss Minnie Payne, of 420 South Jefferson street, St. Louis. Mr. Lampson returned to Mexico after the wedding, but Mrs. Lampson will remain in Clayton for the present.

Mr. Lampson is the son of Mrs. Julia Lampson, of 608 North Cleveland, of this city, and is well known in Mexico. He is employed by the Berger Plumbing Shop. He has many friends in Mexico who wish the young couple every kind of success and prosperity.

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SATURDAY 1 P. M.

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Regular 20c half-pound bars Palm Olive, Rose Glycerine, Cocoa, Almond, and Violet Glycerine toilet soap, great big bars 10c
4 oz. roll Crepe Toilet Paper; special 3 rolls 10c
10c engraved blown Table Tumblers; special, each 5c

BIG SPECIAL NO. 2

No. 8 galvanized iron wash boilers, deep handles, tin covers; \$1.50 value MONDAY 10 A. M.
From Our Large Show Window, each \$1.00

ONLY ONE TO EACH CUSTOMER

Extra large gray granite wash basin, a regular 50c seller, but we bought them cheap so you get them cheap 25c
Big special in ladies' closed union suits with silk ribbon straps over shoulders, in pink and white, regular \$1.00 values.
Special price, extra size included 75c

BIG SPECIAL NO. 3

The well known Parrot Crepe Toilet Paper, during the past two years price was 9c, 8 for 25c; but the mill has lowered the price, so down we go to 5c a roll, \$4.75 PER 100 ROLLS

SATURDAY 1 P. M.

BIG SPECIAL NO. 4

Big box paper special linen paper and envelopes, some 10c, also juvenile box papers, values up to 49c
On Sale From Our Large Show Window, box 10c

SATURDAY 1 P. M.

Ragsdale's Cash Store
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